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| <b>Notice of Allowability</b> | <b>Application N</b>     | <b>Applicant(s)</b> |  |
|                               | 10/028,442               | TAKAMORI ET AL.     |  |
|                               | Examiner<br>THUY V. TRAN | Art Unit<br>2821    |  |

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to RCE with preliminary amendment filed 05/03/2004.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-15.
3.  The drawings filed on 28 December 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All
  - b)  Some\*
  - c)  None
 of the:
  1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/488,018.
  3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached  
1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date May 03, 2004
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

THUY V. TRAN  
Examiner  
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114.

Applicant's submission filed on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004 has been entered.

In virtue of this RCE filing and enclosed preliminary amendment concurrently filed therewith, claims 1-3 are canceled; claims 4-15 are newly added; and thus, claims 4-15 are now presented in the instant application.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 4-15 are allowed.

#### ***Reasons for Allowance***

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art fails to disclose or fairly suggest a plasma display panel wherein respective sizes of the sustain electrode pairs and respective distances between the sustain electrode pairs in plural discharge cells being different, according to corresponding, different brightness of the light emissions from the respective, different phosphors in the plural discharge cells, in combination with the remaining claimed limitations as called for in independent claim 4 and 10 (claims 5-9 are allowed since they are dependent on claim 4, and claims 11-15 are allowed since they are dependent on claim 10).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Citation of relevant prior art***

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Prior art Ha (U.S. Patent No. 6,172,461) discloses a plasma display panel.

Prior art Ide (U.S. Patent No. 6,157,355) discloses a matrix type display device.

Prior art Ueoka et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,084,349) discloses a high luminous intensity and high efficiency plasma display panel.

Prior art Komaki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,962,974) discloses a plasma display panel.

Prior art Amemiya (U.S. Patent No. 5,640,068) discloses a surface discharge plasma display.

***Inquiry***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to THUY V. TRAN whose telephone number is (571) 272-1828. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00 AM -5:00 PM).

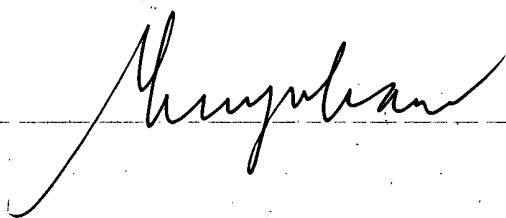
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DON WONG can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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THUY V. TRAN  
Examiner  
Art Unit 2821

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05/30/2004

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thuy Tran". It is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping line extending from the left towards the right.